TMA Uniform Business Office

FY 2006 Adjusted Standardized Amounts (ASAs) for Direct Care Inpatient Billing

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Objectives

- Brief Overview of ASAs
- Comparison of FY05 to FY06 rates
- Professional/Institutional % of charges
- Effective Date for FY06 ASA rates

Brief Overview of ASAs

- Adjusted Standardized Amounts (ASAs) - the basis for direct care reimbursement
  - TPC (Third Party Collections)
  - MAC (Medical Affirmative Claims)
  - MSA (Medical Services Account)
- DRG-based payment system
  - Modeled after CMS and CHAMPUS

Overview (cont.)

- MHS ASAs include both the institutional and professional service costs
  - Unlike CMS/CHAMPUS
- ASAs have been used for direct care billing rates since FY95
  - Previously used per diem

Major Change for FY06

- For FY05, as part of an initiative to provide funding relief to rural hospitals, CMS changed ASA groups from Large Urban and Other to:
  - Hospitals in areas with area wage indices >1.0
  - Hospitals in areas with area wage indices ≤1.0
- CHAMPUS followed CMS and developed their FY05 ASAs using the new hospital groups.
- The UBO also followed the new hospital groups for development of FY06 ASAs.

Comparison of FY05 vs. FY06 Average ASA Rates

ASA Group	FY05	FY06	% Increase
Wage Index >1.0	$7,507	$8,633	13%
Wage Index ≤1.0	$8,507	$8,940	5%
OCONUS	$11,399	$12,283	7%

* Note: For FY06 Large Urban and Other CONUS will now be referred to as Wage Index >1.0 and Wage Index ≤1.0, respectively.

Professional/Institutional % of Charges for ASAs

- FY06 percentages for inpatient services:
  - 93% Hospital Institutional Charges
  - 7% Professional Charges

MTF Specific ASA rate

- Each military hospital providing inpatient care has its own applied ASA rate.
- Please refer to your UBO Service Manager for your MTF ASA rate.
- The ASA rates will be published on the TMA Resource Management website for the UBO:

  http://tricare.osd.mil/rm/index.cfm?pageId=10

Effective Date for FY2006 ASA Reimbursement Rates

- Direct Care Inpatient Rates for FY2006 were effective 1 October 2005
- ASA rates are used when billing for medical services provided to inpatients at DoD Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs)
- This rate package will be posted to the DoD Comptroller's website: **http://www.dod.mil/comptroller/rates/fy2006.html** at Tab I, Medical and Dental Services

Summary

- FY06 ASA rates are effective as of 1 October 2005
- Obtain your MTF specific ASA rate from your UBO Service Manager or from the following websites:
  - http://tricare.osd.mil/rm/index.cfm?pageId=10
  - http://www.dod.mil/comptroller/rates/fy2006.html

Questions?

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